

REMARKS

Claims 1-184 are pending. Claims 107-184 are withdrawn.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I (drawn to claims 1-106) with traverse. The examiner has required restriction between product (Group I) and process claims (Groups II-VII). Where applicant elects claims directed to a product and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, the withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claims should be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

In addition to the election of Group I, Applicants are required to elect a single species for initial examination purposes. Applicants elect the PZn_3 species of Example 13. In this species, the emissive group is the porphyrin moiety, R_A is phenyl; R_B is H; the linker is $-C\equiv C-$ (ethyne); the hydrophobic polymer is polybutadiene; and the block copolymer is the ethylene oxide/polybutadiene diblock polymer OB_2 ($EO_{26}-DB_{46}$). The elected species does not contain a targeting moiety (although, to assist the Examiner, Applicants elect a receptor-specific peptide of claim 77 as the optional targeting moiety). Claims 1-5, 10-13, 15-23, 32-42, 46, 52-55, 60-63, 65, 70-75, 78, 79, and 88-101 read on the elected species.

It is Applicants' understanding that the species election is being made solely to aid the Examiner in conducting an initial search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is Applicants' further understanding that, if the elected species is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover additional species, until the examination includes the full scope of the subject matter elected in response to the restriction requirement.

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The Examiner is cordially encouraged to call the undersigned to discuss any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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